

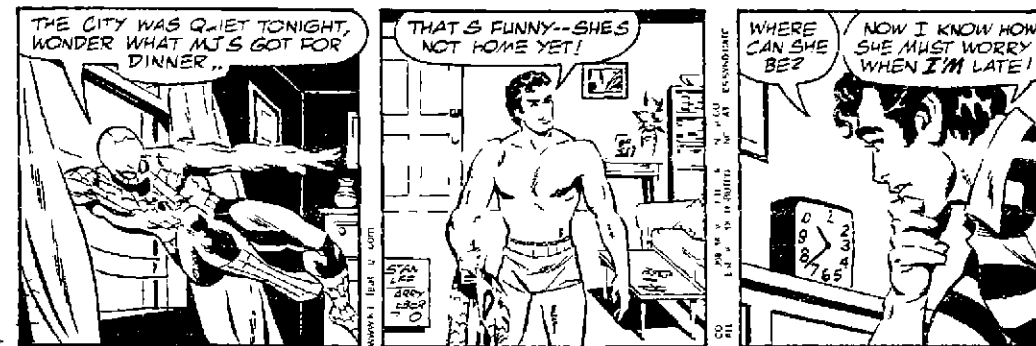
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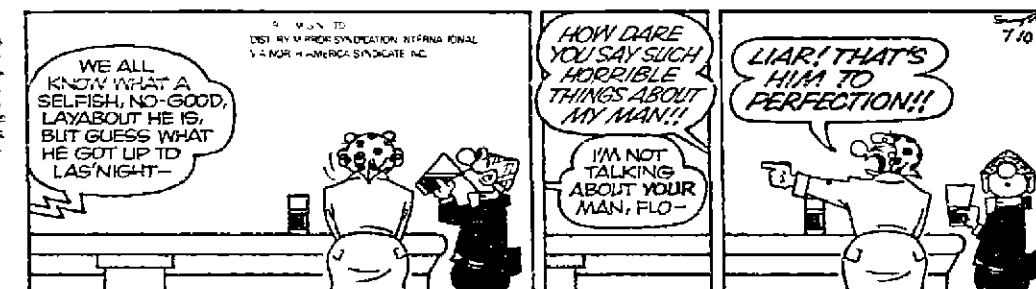
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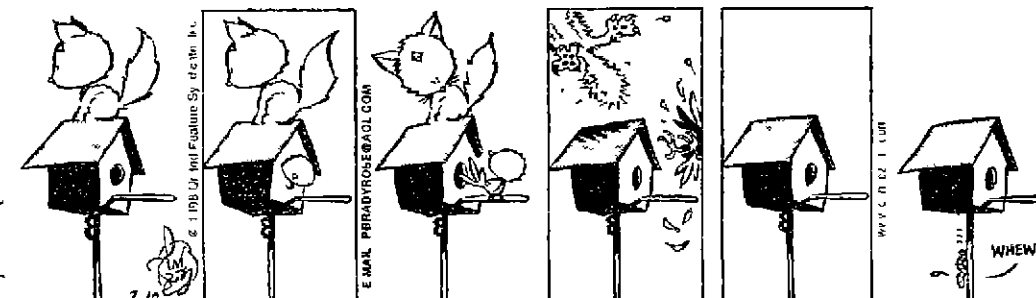
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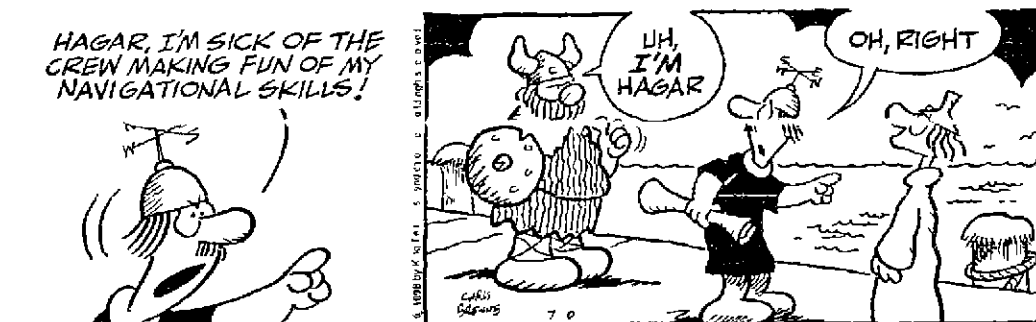
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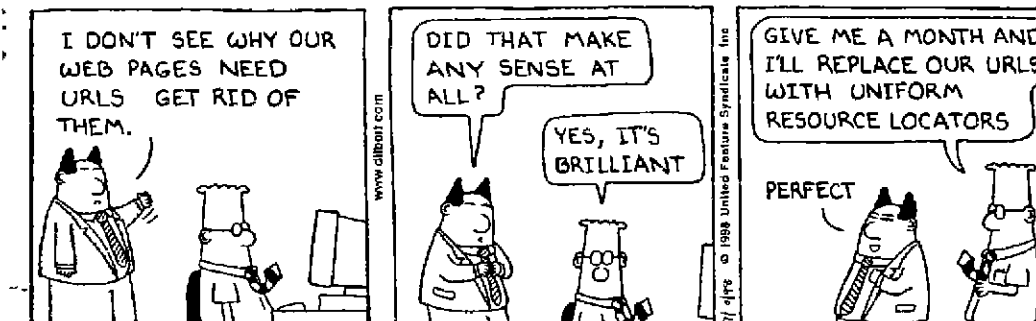
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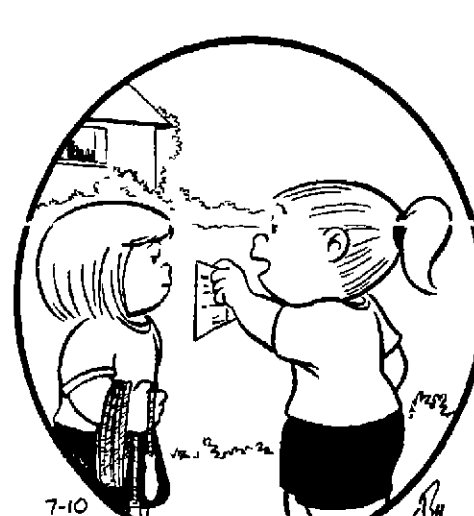
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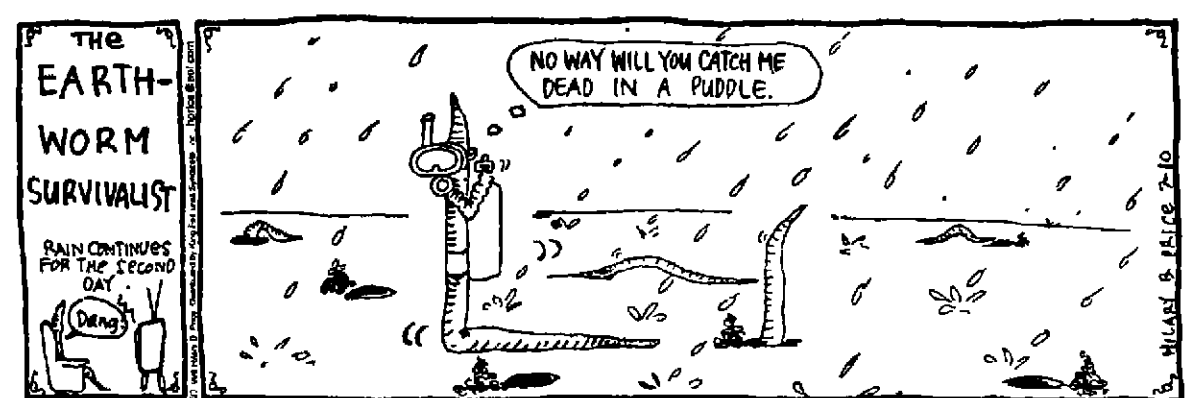
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Former NBC and ABC News correspondent David Brinkley is 78. Eugene Kennedy.

Survivor is 11. Former boxer Jake La-Motta is 77. Former New York City Mayor David N. Dinkins is 71. Rock musician Jerry Miller (Moby Grape) is 55. Tennis player Virginia Wade is 53. Actor Ron Glass is 53. Folk singer Arlo Guthrie is 51. Banjo player Bela Fleck is 40. Country-musician Hawkshaw Wilson (BR5-49) is 38.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 75-85 by JUDD

WORD SLEUTH

Words beginning with "dis"

G U D R P N K I G D B Z X V S

Q O M I Y E B O S I D K I G E

C A D Y S T P U R S I D W U S

Q P N I L A C J D H S F E C E

A D D I S T R I B U T O R V V

Y I X V U P S M R S R Q L P O

N S M K J P U H F T E O E C R

B N Z Y O X V T U T S R Q P P

L E P S I D T N E S S I D O S

M Y E L K T C N I T S I D I I

H B R U T S I D L L I T S I D

Thursday's unlisted clue CRAWDADS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Friday's unlisted clue hint TO DIVEST OF WEAPONS

Disney	Disprove	Dissolve	Distributor
Disobey	Dispute	Distill	Distinct
Dispel	Disrupt	Distinct	Disturb
Dispose	Dissent	Distress	

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, July 11, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You will achieve a key goal on the path to your primary ambition. Try to engage others in your plans.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Imagination is the first step toward improving a difficult situation. Even the most impossible ideas are sometimes good for a laugh.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Working with others will make all the difference in accomplishing your goals. Weird and wonderful plans will be on the agenda.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A sudden flash of insight shocks you into much-needed action. Later your brain will prove to be the ultimate adventure park.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) If you are too fixed in your thinking, you will stifle yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Take care of a practical task you've been putting off. Later you will spend time bonding with the people you live with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Loved ones might not agree with your sweeping solutions to their problems. Exercise a gentler hand when offering your opinions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You'll enjoy time to yourself more than you would have imagined. Take advantage of this down time to spoil yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) The normally sensible Capricorn will feel the urge to throw caution to the wind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) If you fall under the spotlight, make the most of the moment. Perform a makeover on yourself, and you'll love the results.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Your tranquil state of mind has a calming effect on someone who is stressed out.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"I could have defended better," announced a contrite East. "All I had to do was duck my partner's diamond queen. Maybe so," answered South. However, had you found such an unusual play, perhaps I would have found one of my own. What were these second thoughts about? Without the benefit of second thoughts, the play went swiftly. East took his diamond ace and returned a diamond, hoping for his side to collect two diamonds and two trumps. South won his diamond king and lost a trump finesse to East's queen. Just a third round of diamonds did not survive. South ruffed, conceded a trick to East's trump ace and claimed the rest of the tricks. How did they replay the deal in the post-mortem? East claimed that a duck of West's diamond queen would have defeated the game. "I win the first trump and switch to my singleton club," he explained. And when I get my second trump trick, I underlead my diamond ace, and I get the club ruff!" Not so fast, countered South. Your first-round duck in diamonds improves your chances, but I would have seen through your plan. All I had to do was return a diamond at trick two. West loses his entry and you would never have enjoyed the ruff. Was South being truthful? Probably so. He had a diamond to lose regardless of how he played, and a thoughtful duck by East might well have alerted him to the winning play.

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Diamond queen

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0529

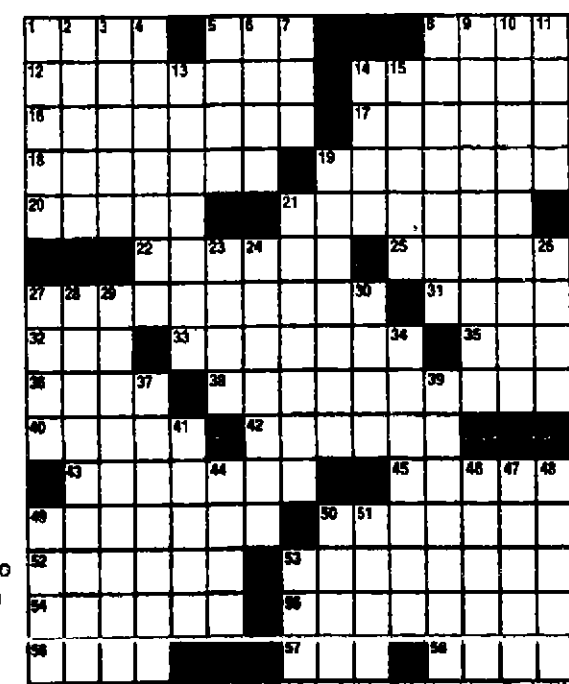
- ACROSS**
- Hispaniola, por ejemplo
 - The Sultan of Sulu's writer
 - Bone Prefix
 - Wrinkly-skinned dogs
 - Imprisons
 - Bosh
 - Fronton gear
 - Wrong
 - Given to snorting, say
 - One throwing in the towel
 - Popular 40-Across subject
 - Longtime "Today" figure
 - Marsh bird
 - Enrich
 - Sci course
 - "tu"
 - Promoter of Pans?
 - Faulkner title starter
 - Suffix with snip or seed
 - Braveheart and Annie Hall, e.g.
 - Wrong
 - Noted impressionist
 - Warner, in a way
 - Saved the king, maybe
 - Thrills
 - Pas
 - Composer Rimsky-Korsakov
 - Designate
 - Like some TV shows
 - Persian, perhaps
 - Exchanges
 - "The Thinking Eye" artist
 - Bad start?
 - Where Mays wrapped up his career

DOWN

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

FLAD SLAY SMIRE
LAKE HONE HONOR
OURQUESTSPEAKER
ORO FREE LAX
RANDOM BOT BOU
ISAMANWHOMAS
ALTO NOTI ERASE
BORN SNEVA AVER
AGING DUEL YESS
FISHING BAITING

10 Switch
11 Start of North Carolina's motto
12 Like some victories
14 Nobel Prize subj
15 short
16 Femur neighbor
17 Made weak
18 Blind as—
19 Bluebonnets



20 Team since 1954
21 "Goosebumps" author R. L. Stine
22 Baltic native
23 Don't match
24 Bright-eyed Council
25 Italian city known for its Chianti
26 Excise tax unit
27 Not
28 "Take a compliment"
29 Inc. overseas

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